

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the siNA molecule comprises one or more chemical modifications. The amendment to claim 1 is made without prejudice and without intent to abandon any previously claimed subject matter. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification.

Claims 8 and 18 have been amended merely to correct clerical errors.

Claims 31-36 have been canceled. Cancellation of these claims is without prejudice and without intent to abandon any previously claimed subject matter. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the cancelled claims at a future date.

No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

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Conclusion

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
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